

AFTER 2 YEARS FIGHT GARY MAN GOES TO JAIL

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN ITS FIRST SESSION AT GENEVA

TAKING UP NEW WORLD PROBLEMS

Forty One Nations to Have Delegates at International Conference

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GENEVA, Nov. 15.—Despite non-participation by the U. S. the delegates to the first meeting of the assembly of the league of nations today announced their readiness to take up at once the world problems of the future. The future of the league may hinge upon the outcome of the present meeting.

Standing before a cheap wooden desk with a back ground of potted palms, Foreign Minister Paul Hymans, of Belgium, called for order shortly after 11 o'clock and the meeting was underway.

"The hopes of millions of peoples of all nations are upon us as we begin our labors here today," said M. Hymans. "The end of history's greatest conflict has left the world exhausted and full of doubts and fears. We commence a new world era in which men hope to settle peacefully and in all reasonableness, their differences, and to end armed quarrels."

Most of the delegates of the forty-one nations were seated in their seats an hour or so before the meeting was called to order. They occupied plain, wooden benches like those of an American school room.

The meeting room is a great barn-like structure with seats set aside for spectators and the press. All were filled to overflowing long before the historic session opened. Outside the building the picturesque uniformed Swiss gendarmes held back the great crowd of sight-seers who cheered loudly as motor cars raced up depositing diplomats from the various countries.

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Gas Men Leave for Convention

Morse Dell Plain, vice-president and R. P. Shoenberger, controller of the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company are in New York City this week attending the annual convention of the American Gas Association at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

Before leaving Hammond, Mr. Dell Plain was interviewed by a reporter of THE TIMES and in reply to a question as to what were the important subjects to be discussed at the convention he said:

"As a matter of fact I am going to New York more on behalf of the gas consumers in this district than anything else."

"The marvelous development of the Calumet district has necessitated an unusual outlay of new capital for main extensions. The prospects are that during the coming year we will have an especially active building program in order to meet the great demand for houses. This will mean that the Gas Company will have to again raise an extraordinary amount of capital to meet the demands. Where this capital is to come from with the present high cost of money is a big question, and the executives of gas companies throughout the country are at their wit's end to know how to meet the situation."

"The raising of capital would not be such a problem were it not for the precarious condition in which all gas companies find themselves as a result of actual losses which have been carried by them during the past few years. Whereas, increases in rates have been granted to most of the gas companies throughout the country these increases have been entirely inadequate to place the companies in such a position as to be able to borrow money in competing with other lines of business admittedly prosperous."

"I am sure the problem can be solved, but it can only be solved by securing the complete co-operation of the public who, in the last analysis are the ones most directly affected because only as a public service corporation is in a position to meet the demands of the community for service can that community develop along logical lines."

BUS FARE CUTS LURE SHOPPERS

Hammond's Reputation as Trading Center Enhanced, No Stone Should Be Left Unturned to Improve it.

Rival bus lines from the rich farming and suburban country to the south and south west of Hammond are engaged in a deadly fare cutting duel and the trip tickets formerly selling from Chicago Heights to Hammond for 35 cents have been slashed to a five cent fare.

HUNTING BARGAINS.

It is an ill wind that brings no one any good and the rivalry between the two Chicago Heights-Hammond bus lines is bringing shoppers to Hammond to a surprising extent and with the fares down to five cents from the former distance from the city and the suburban district folk are flocking hither to pick up bargains in Hammond's many fine stores.

Both lines bring customers from Chicago Heights, Thornton, South Holland, Dorton, Riverdale, Oak View, Secor, Lansing and all the farming country adjoining.

NEW FACES SEEN IN TOWN.

Many people are shopping in Hammond who never shopped here before and are beginning to find that Hammond is a city with a commercial center of the great Calumet district in Illinois and Indiana is well-substantiated and founded on real facts.

Whether Hammond as a city realizes the full importance of this shopping center from a wealthy and prosperous agricultural community such as the above is a question.

HAMMOND IS FORTUNATE.

Hammond takes a lot of things for granted and as a matter of course, it often ignores the fact that with the marvelous growth of automobile usage among the farmers and the numerous bus lines that lead into the city from the south and the street car lines from the east, south and west that Hammond is particularly fortunate in its location and ability to command a large proportion of this suburban trade and draw it within its shopping district.

DO PEOPLE APPRECIATE IT?

Do the people, the business men, manufacturers and officials of the city appreciate what it means to Hammond to be a shopping magnet for the hundreds and thousands who live within easy distance from the city and are they doing anything to merit the remarkable growth the community is achieving because not only of its manufacturing but because of its commercial and trade importance?

ONE FOR ALL.

It is to Hammond's interest that its business and shopping activities prosper and continue to grow. Any policy which disturbs the city's business is dangerous influence. It is a factor that tends to menace the city's continued progress. Hammond is well-balanced as a manufacturing center and it should be well-balanced commercially and this is not possible if one interest of the city is made a sacrificial goat to any other single interest. It makes for a household divided. "Pull together" should be Hammond's slogan!

He Wanted Ten Feet More Pork Sausage

His Name Is Bingo For Short and He Holds Forth in West Hammond.

West Hammond has an opportunity yesterday to see the world's champion food consumer in operation. He is a man under the name of Prof. Bingo.

Bingo gave two exhibitions at Kosciuszko hall on 15th street. His bill of fare at the afternoon and evening performances were the same. Here is what he managed to eat on one sitting.

Twenty-seven feet of pork sausage.

Five pounds of raw beef steak.

Three hen's eggs with the shells on.

Four herrings.

One gallon of beer.

Bingo went through with his afternoon gourmandizing stunt and the crowd stood gaping with amazement as he carefully strolled over by one of the stoves. He talked with the boys while he soaked up the heat and a few minutes later buttoned his coat and started for the door with the remark: "Well I guess I'll go up town and eat another 10 feet of pork sausage."

Harding Grandchildren Who Will Be Romping in White House After March 4



Here are Jean and George De Wolfe, grandchildren of Mrs. Warren G. Harding, as they appeared at their grandparents' election.

Appeals and Respite Fail to Save Former Gary Justice of Peace

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 15.—After a delay of nearly two years, due to an appeal to the circuit court of appeals at Chicago and to one respite of thirty days, Edward A. Gross, formerly a justice of the peace at Gary, Friday evening began serving a sentence of six months in the Marion county jail. After being convicted of violating the Reed amendment, Gross was sentenced by Judge A. B. Anderson in December, 1918, to serve six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$50 and costs.

Boasted of Power.

Gross is reputed to have powerful political influence in Lake county and he is said to have boasted since his conviction that he would never serve time, as he had a friend in Washington who was "close to the President." Before the state went "dry," he conducted a wholesale and retail liquor establishment on the floor beneath his justice of the peace office. He was arrested on a charge of transporting liquor into the state seventeen days after the state prohibition law became effective.

Petition for Pardon.

After the court of appeals had affirmed the lower court, but before the mandate of the upper court had been received, Gross petitioned the pardon board for executive clemency. The petition was signed by many prominent business and professional men of Gary. The pardon board passed unfavorably on the petition. Gross then submitted a supplemental memorandum setting forth additional evidence which he said proved his innocence.

Says Evidence Was Manufactured.

"The so-called newly discovered evidence on which Gross asked the pardon board to reconsider his case, said Mr. Mattice Friday, "was found, on investigation, to be manufactured."

Gross's political power, it is said, arises from the fact that, as an educated and shrewd businessman, he had become the recognized leader of a large group of foreigners whose vote generally swung elections for such candidates as were favored by Gross.

Shakeup in Gary's Police Force

Where will the axe fall next? This is the question that is being asked by members of the Gary police department today, following the "requested" resignation of five well known members of the department.

At the regular weekly meeting of the city board this afternoon, the resignations of Officers Smelko, Helin, Pratt, Marquardt and Yanitor will probably be accepted. They are all plain clothed men.

When asked about the dismissals this morning, Chief of Police Forbis was reticent about giving out any information. Mayor W. H. Hodges was likewise mysterious when questioned and the efforts of a TIMES reporter to get the cause of the dismissals was without avail.

In the meantime, other officers on the department are breathlessly waiting in fear that the axe will fall on them, as it was rumored around the station this morning that more will suffer in the cleanup in the immediate future.

As a result of the "cleaning" of the five plain clothed men, there will be a number of promotions as well as some transfers. It will also be necessary to put on a number of new men whose applications have been in for some time.

It is understood that the five plain clothed men were dismissed today, turned in their stars and other equipment today. Two of the discharged policemen were questioned but refused to comment on their being ousted from the department. "They have our resignations, and I guess that's all there is to it, except finding another job," said one of them.

TWO ACTRESSES SLAIN IN CHICAGO

Bodies are Found in Grant Park on Shore of Lake Michigan

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Chicago is being combed today by police and scores of detectives for the slayers of two young actresses whose bodies were found on the shore of Lake Michigan in Grant park, only a few blocks from the city's most famous thoroughfare. Five men are being held by the police as material witnesses and a vigorous search is being made for others who may be able to shed light on the tragedy.

Meantime the bodies of the two slain girls lie at the morgue awaiting the action of the coroner. An inquest was to be held today.

The dead girls are Miss Marie Alma Ramey, a vaudeville performer, and well known member of several stock companies, and Miss Lillian Thompson, whose stage activities have been chiefly confined to carnival companies.

The five men detained by the police are James G. Meeks, Salt Lake City; William E. Hadden, the Jac Cowie company, now playing here in "Smilin' Through"; Robert McCarthy, Boston, electrician for the same company; Silvio and Peter Citti, proprietors of a grocery store, and James Conner, a cook, said to have been associated with the victims.

THE EVIDENCE WAS MUCH TOO STRONG

Edward App, 138 Indiana avenue, Hammond, was fined \$25 this morning in police court for driving his automobile while intoxicated. Saturday evening while zig-zagging through the business district he brushed W. J. McAlver's car in such a way that it broke the front wheels from its own machine. The McAlver car was not damaged. App was arrested on a similar charge once before, but when he swore that he never drank the court decided a mistake had been made and discharged him. However, on this occasion the evidence of intoxication was too strong.

SORRY NOW HE ASKED FOR JURY

Liquor Law Violator is Fined \$500 and Sent to Jail for Six Months

Hammond liquor law violators will look a long time before demanding a jury trial in the city court after the rough treatment accorded Philip Konitzko Saturday.

Ordinarily liquor cases are quickly disposed of, but now and then a defendant appears who believes he has a chance to escape by taking his case before a jury. That was the way Konitzko looked at it.

Konitzko runs a soft drink saloon at 1232 Roberts avenue, Robertdale. About two weeks ago the Hammond police raided his place and arrested him after finding about a quart of moonshine behind his bar. The case came up for trial Saturday morning and it was not until 4 o'clock in the afternoon that the jury brought in a verdict. They decided Philip should pay \$500 and costs and spend six months in jail. They gave him the limit.

On the jury were W. C. Norris, Otto Rago, W. H. Spellman, A. R. Abbott, George R. Streeter, William Mashline, J. J. Ruff, Claude Laster, Charles Lawrence, Louis Hecklerman, William Magnot and Guy W. Eaton.

BOLD THIEVES ROB HARBOR STORE

Valuable Fur Display Taken From Windows Early Yesterday

In one of the boldest robberies that the Harbor police have been confronted with in years, thieves early Sunday morning succeeded in getting away with four valuable fur coats and four ladies dresses from a show window of Zimmerman and Kahn, 3350 Michigan avenue.

"That the work is of a gang of professional thieves is the opinion of police officials who are scouring the city and nearby towns for the culprits.

Access was gained by the use of a stone thrown through the window and must have been done very quickly. It is evident that the thieves had gone over the ground very carefully and probably were fully aware of the time that the policemen on the beat would be around. The thieves were caught by the police which had been left at the scene of the robbery by the thieves who evidently left this clue to make a quick get-away.

"Quickly the entire display was taken, stated a buyer for the ladies ready to wear department. "It is a total loss as there is no insurance covering the goods."

PERFECT RED CROSS PLANS THIS EVENING

Hammond is four days late in getting its annual membership drive for the American Red Cross started. Various conditions have contributed to this delay, but those in charge hope to make the campaign such a whirlwind affair that the lateness in getting started will not count.

A big meeting is to be held this evening at the Hammond Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Citizens Bank building to perfect the plans. The committee desires that every industry, business house, church, school, fraternal organizations, labor organizations and the various women's clubs and societies have representatives present.

The Red Cross has busy times ahead of it and needs money to carry on its work. The membership fee is only \$1 and it is believed Hammond will come in strong as usual. At least, 10,000 members are expected from the city.

During the thirty-nine years of its existence the Red Cross has given relief in 256 floods, fires, tornadoes and other unavoidable disasters and directed the expenditure of approximately \$15,000,000 in this emergency work.

STOLEN HAMMOND CAR INJURES THREE

Family of Judge Trude in Chicago is Hit by Hammond Automobile

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Daniel R. Trude, wife of the Municipal court judge, and her two daughters, Virginia, 15 years old, and Jane, 11 years old, were seriously injured Saturday in an automobile collision at East Thirty-fifth street and Grand boulevard. They were on their way to the home from the residence at 4505 Ellis avenue when the accident occurred. Judge Trude hastened from his courtroom to St. Luke's hospital, where his wife, Trude and the daughters were taken.

Mrs. Trude suffered severe cuts and bruises on the face and head. Virginia suffered internal injuries, concussion of the brain, and lacerations. Jane's injuries are less serious.

Edgar Edward, 14 years old, a taxi-cab in which they were riding, was taken to the Fort Dearborn hospital. His skull may be fractured.

Witnesses said the car was going about 35 miles an hour. The car was hurled to the curb and overturned. Pedestrians rushed to the assistance of the occupants. Mrs. Trude was able to help take her unconscious daughters from the wreckage.

The driver of the automobile leaped from the car and fled on an alley. His car bore the Indiana license 5522. The car was stolen from W. J. Deitz of Hammond last Thursday.

South Park Police Patrol and Daugherty pursued him a short distance and found was about to fire at the fugitive. A pedestrian stepped in the way and made it impossible for the policeman to fire without danger to the civilian.

NEW SHIPPING BOARD SCANDAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Water furnished by tug boats and costing but 15 cents a ton was sold to the U. S. shipping board vessels at \$1 per ton at Savannah, Ga., James A. McGregor, former representative of the operators division of the shipping board, told the congressional investigators, at the hearing here today.

The witness also told of alleged irregularities in repelling shipping vessels at Savannah. He told how his introduction of competitive bidding in such work and for fueling of ships saved the shipping board large sums.

Capt. McGregor said the plumbing of vessels turned out by the submarine coast corporation was faulty, and that in the case of two ships, their propellers were lost at sea.

DARING RAILWAY MAIL ROBBERY

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 15.—Postoffice inspectors, department of justice officials and the police officials of Council Bluffs and Omaha today are seeking clues that might enable them to run down bandits who robbed the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy fast mail train between Council Bluffs and Omaha.

Reports of the amount of the loot obtained vary today. It is declared by detectives working on the case that it will total \$100,000. Railway officials declare that the amount taken will not exceed \$20,000.

Ten pouches of registered mail were taken, six of them consigned to Chicago. It is believed that these pouches contained shipments of gold, currency, bonds and stocks, being sent by banks in California to their correspondents in eastern cities.

SECOND LEPER FOUND IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 15.—The second leper ever found in Indiana is under quarantine here today. He is Robert Burdine, 45, who saw service in the Philippines and American soldier. With him are confined his wife and 7-year-old daughter. They will be cared for by the state until such time as Burdine can be removed to a government leprosy hospital in Mississippi. The only previous known instance of "leprosy" in Indiana was the famous "Byers case," which stirred wide attention four years ago.

FIRE HORSES TO HAVE LAST RUN

Over at No. 4 fire station on Calumet avenue, Hammond, the boys are grooming the horses for their last run. It may come any day now for Chief William Nihil has received word that the new motor hose and pump truck has been shipped from Cincinnati and should reach Hammond this week.

When the new truck arrives it will mark the end of the use of horse drawn fire apparatus in Hammond. The early fire fighting equipment of the city will then be motivated, the realization of Chief Nihil's dream.

The new pump is of the Ahrens-Fox make and has a capacity of 900 gallons a minute. A recent test was made in New York in which one of these outfit stations on Broadway furnished the power for throwing a stream of water from the tower of the Woolworth building 726 feet above the ground level. The pump maintained the regular nozzle pressure.

Central station will take the new pump truck while the one now stationed there which has a 500 gallon capacity will go to the No. 4 station. The old truck will handle two lines of hose while the new one will supply four lines. Thus a fire in the business district to which both stations always respond may have six streams playing on it within a few minutes.

PUTS O. K. ON INCOME TAX LAW

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The U. S. supreme court today held constitutional and valid the Connecticut miscellaneous corporation income tax law of 2 percent on net incomes of both foreign and domestic corporations for business done in the state. The court held that the law did not violate the federal constitution.

WHY NOT A REDUCTION HERE?

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A one cent a gallon reduction in the wagon price of gasoline was announced by the Standard Oil company today for New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, District of Columbia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

SIX DEAD IN MOVIE TRAGEDY

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Six children dead, a dozen others seriously injured, all because of a locked exit that should have been open, led authorities today to issue stern warnings to proprietors of moving picture theaters. An ordinance which prohibits children under 14 entering movie shows unless accompanied by adults is to be invoked and will be rigidly enforced, the authorities announced.

Investigation into Sunday's tragedy, in which a score of children were trampled in a panic caused by a false alarm of fire, continued today. The police are holding an evidence against the proprietors of the houses a palladium which was one of the exit doors and prevented the little ones from escaping.

Buddhists clash With Salvation Army

TOKIO, Nov. 15.—Salvation army leaders will endeavor to hold tonight the silver jubilee celebration meeting which was broken up last night by a mob of anti-Christian Buddhists in the second Buddhist outbreak within 24 hours. The mob entered the hall being used by the Salvation Army, tore down the decorations and dispersed only after the Salvation Army leaders had adjourned the meeting.

HESSVILLE PIONEER PASSES AWAY

HESSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 15.—The death of John Linkner, one of the town's oldest citizens, occurred here yesterday morning. He was 80 years of age and the last of his family, a wife having died six years ago. He had been an invalid for years. His funeral will take place from the Hessville Lutheran church on Tuesday afternoon and burial in Hessville cemetery. Rev. Golderman will officiate. The deceased made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michuda.

HAMMOND MAN HELD UP

William Puntruy, 544 State street, Hammond, was held up by two men Saturday evening just after he had left the house to go down town. One of the men, described as tall and slim, held a gun while his companion, a medium sized fellow, went through Puntruy's pockets. They found \$10 on him. Puntruy immediately notified the police and gave them descriptions of the kidnappers, but they could not be located.

HAS SPRING "CAME"?

BUYRUS, Ohio.—I. S. Brinkman has small red raspberries growing on his bushes and a second blossoming of cherries on his trees. He wore a straw hat in honor of the event.

PLAN BIG SALE

The Bee Hive store of East Chicago will hold the greatest dollar sale the coming Thursday in the history of the institution, offering fall and winter goods and merchandise that is thoroughly dependable.

This sale will certainly add a new meaning to the word bargain. The low prices and unusual values will take the people by storm.

WRANGLER'S REMNANT IN FULL RETREAT

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The remnants of General Wrangel's army in Crimea continue in full retreat, but without panic, according to official dispatches received by the war office today. The telegrams said that the evacuation of the remaining troops held by General Wrangel's troops has proceeded satisfactorily, despite heavy losses in men and materials.